

and appear on pages H1723–24, H1736, and H1749. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from congressional and public witnesses.

ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from congressional and public witnesses.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Agencies held a hearing on Jordan Arms Transfers. Testimony was heard from Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense; and Robert H. Pelletreau, Assistant Secretary, Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the National Endowment for the Humanities. Testimony was heard from Sheldon Hackney, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Representative Ehlers; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Office of Compliance. Testimony was heard from the following officials of that Office: Glen Nager, Chairman, Board of Directors; and Ricky Silberman, Executive Director.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on the Army. Testimony was heard from Robert M. Walker, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on Inspector General Reports. Testimony was heard from A. Mary Schiavo, Inspector General, Department of Transportation.

TREASURY-POSTAL SERVICE-GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on issues in Treasury Law Enforcement. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Robert E. Rubin, Secretary; John W. Magaw, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; Charles F. Rinkevich, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center; Eljay B. Bowron, Director, U.S. Secret Service; and George Weise, Commissioner of Customs, U.S. Customs Service.

VA-HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the NSF. Testimony was heard from Neal F. Lane, Director, NSF.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2972, amended, Securities and Exchange Commission Authorization Act of 1996; and H.R. 2969, Federal Tea Tasters Repeal Act of 1996.

MEDICAID—BIPARTISAN NATIONAL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

Committee on Commerce: The Committee also continued hearings on the Unanimous Bipartisan National Governors Association Agreement on Medicaid. Testimony was heard from Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Gail Wilensky, Chairman, Board of Directors, Physician Payment Review Commission; and public witnesses.

ERISA TARGETED HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM ACT; CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT REGULATIONS

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Ordered reported amended H.R. 995, ERISA Targeted Health Insurance Reform Act of 1995.

The Committee also adopted a motion to instruct the Chairman to seek adoption by the House of resolutions regarding the Congressional Accountability Act regulations.

OVERSIGHT—IRS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held an oversight hearing on IRS Financial Management. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Assistant Comptroller General, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; Margaret Milner Richardson, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

REQUIRING TWO-THIRDS MAJORITIES—BILLS INCREASING TAXES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.J. Res. 159, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require two-thirds majorities for bills increasing taxes. Testimony was heard from Senator Kyl; Representatives Barton of Texas, Skaggs, Geren of Texas, and Shadegg; Ken Blackwell, Treasurer, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

MARIJUANA USE IN AMERICA

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on marijuana use in America. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Began hearings on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William J. Perry, Secretary; and Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

FURTHER BALANCED BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a recorded vote of 9 to 2, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget. The rule provides for the adoption in the House and in the Committee of the Whole of an amendment printed in section 2 of the report of the Committee on Rules.

The rule further provides for the consideration of the amendments specified in the report of the Committee on Rules, which shall be considered only in the order specified in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, debatable for the time specified in

the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. Said amendments shall not be subject to amendment and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments specified in the report of the Committee on Rules. Finally, the rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit which, if containing instructions, may only be offered by the Minority Leader or his designee. Testimony was heard from Chairman Livingston and Representatives Istook, Gekas, Morella, Zeliff, Greenwood, Crapo, McIntosh, Obey, Pelosi, Lowey, Rangel, Richardson, Pallone, Sawyer, and Furse.

CONTINUING INVESTMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a closed rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 3021, to guarantee the continuing full investment of Social Security and other Federal funds in obligations of the United States, in the House. The rule provides a motion to recommit which may include instructions only if offered by the Minority Leader or his designee. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer and Representatives Smith of Michigan and Gibbons.

GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH PROGRAMS

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on Global Change Research Programs: Data Collection and Scientific Priorities. Testimony was heard from Robert T. Watson, Associate Director, Environment, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Charles Kennel, Associate Administrator, Office of Mission to Planet Earth, NASA; Brad Hathaway, Associate Director, Defense Management Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO; Michael MacCracken, Director, Office of the U.S. Global Change Research Program, National Scientific and Technology Council; Arno Ledebuhr, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND INNOVATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on assessing the Small Business Technology Transfer Pilot Program and Small Business Innovation Research Program. Testimony was heard from Victor S. Rezendes, Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO; Daniel O. Hill, Assistant Administrator, Technology Programs, SBA; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation and the Subcommittee on Railroads held a joint hearing on reauthorizing the National Transportation Safety Board. Testimony was heard from James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board.

OVERSIGHT—RAIL SAFETY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads continued hearings on Rail Safety Oversight: Human Factors and Grade Crossing Issues. Testimony was heard from Robert Lauby, Chief, Railroad Division, National Transportation Safety Board; and Jolene Molitoris, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation.

WATER SUPPLY INFRASTRUCTURE ASSISTANCE ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 2747, amended, Water Supply Infrastructure Assistance Act of 1995; and 13 water resources survey resolutions.

BROWN/RUDMAN COMMISSION REPORT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on the Brown/Rudman Commission Report. Testimony was heard from Warren B. Rudman, former Senator, State of New Hampshire; and Harold Brown, former Secretary of Defense.

Joint Meetings**GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE**

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs held joint oversight hearings with the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight on the implementation of the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, receiving testimony from Charles A. Bowsher, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; Malcolm Holmes, Senior Public Sector Management Specialist, World Bank, former Australia Senior Official Ministry of Finance; Donald F. Ketti, University of Wisconsin, Madison; Robert W. Lauterberg, Virginia Department of Planning and Budget, Richmond; and Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix, Arizona.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

CHECHEN CONFLICT

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission held hearings to examine issues relating to the Chechen conflict and

Russian democratic development, receiving testimony from Anatol Lieven, Senior Fellow, United States Institute of Peace; Jack F. Matlock, Jr., Columbia University, New York, New York, former United States Ambassador to the Soviet Union; and Sergei Kovalev, Moscow, Russia.

Commission recessed subject to call.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D80)

H.R. 1718, to designate the United States courthouse located at 197 South Main Street in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, as the "Max Rosenn United States Courthouse". Signed March 5, 1996. (P.L. 104-112)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, business meeting, to consider pending military nominations; to be followed by hearings on the nominations of Kenneth H. Bacon, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, Franklin D. Kramer, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, and Alvin L. Alm, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine air bag safety issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 745, to require the National Park Service to eradicate brucellosis afflicting the bison in Yellowstone National Park, S. 796 and H.R. 238, bills to provide for the protection of wild horses within the Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Missouri, and prohibit the removal of such horses, and S. 1451, to authorize an agreement between the Secretary of the Interior and a State providing for the continued operation by State employees of national parks in the State during any period in which the National Park Service is unable to maintain the normal level of park operations, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 393 and H.R. 924, bills to prohibit the Secretary of Agriculture from transferring any national forest system lands in the Angeles National Forest in California out of Federal ownership for use as a solid waste landfill, 1 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House International Relations Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific to examine U.S.-Sino relations, focusing on